



1st Race - WFT Italian National Championship OPES

GWA Qualifying Series 2022

Cecina Mare - Spot1 Surf School Center
Loc. Le Gorette 57023

20th - 22nd May 2022

NOTICE OF RACE





1) REGISTRATION:

Online registrations have to be submitted before the 15 May 2022 [Click HERE!](#)

- "Early Bird" € 70,00 until 8th may 2022.
- After 8th May € 100,00.

2) PROGRAM:

Friday 20th May 2022

Full Day DEMO TEST SAB FOIL & ENSIS

h 9.00 Registration Opening

h 11:00 Skipper Meeting

h 12:30 Race start (SURF-SLALOM)

Following Surf-Freestyle Race Start

Saturday 21st May 2022

h 11:00 Skipper Meeting

h 12:30 Race start (SURF-SLALOM)

Following Surf-Freestyle Race Start

Sunday 22nd May 2022

h 11:00 Skipper Meeting

h 12:30 Race start (SURF-SLALOM)

Following Surf-Freestyle Race Start

Following Prize giving

3) AWARDS NATIONALS

TOP 3 Ranked Overall Surf-Slalom M/F

TOP 3 Classified Under 18 Surf-Slalom M/F

TOP 3 Classified OVER 45 Surf-Slalom M/F

TOP 3 Ranked Overall Surf-FreeStyle M/F

TOP 3 Classified Under 18 Surf-FreeStyle M/F

TOP 3 Classified OVER 45 FreeStyle M/F



4) INFO ABOUT THE CLUB / SPOT:

SPOT1 Surf School Center

Loc. Le Gorette, 57023 Cecina Mare (LI)

Local Manager: Elia Rossetti +39 3476317186

5) MEMBER CARD

€ 15,00 for OPES card, the medical certificate is MANDATORY.

6) LIABILITY AND SAFETY RULES

The Competitor agrees to be bound by the current WFT Racing Regulations. The Competitor agrees to assume any and all responsibility for the nautical characteristics of your own board, for the equipment, for your skills and for the safety equipment. Competitor (s) also agrees to assume any and all liability for damages caused to third party or their property, himself or his property on land or at sea as a result of their participation at the race / regatta, relieving the organizing committee, in particular WFT Org, Toscana Surfing & Sup ASD, and all the people involved in the organization from any responsibility any title and accept all responsibility for their own behavior and that of its guests.

The Competitor must be aware of the General Rule that “The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race/regatta or to remain in the race/regatta is his/her own”. In any case, the Competitor agrees that WFT Org, Toscana Surfing & Sup ASD, the sponsors and their agents have no responsibility for the loss of life or injury of the competitor or others, or for the loss or damage to any boat or property.

As stated in the RACING RULES we remind that the use of helmet, leash and impact will be mandatory to protect against collisions.

7) WAIVER OF PHOTOGRAPHIC AND TELEVISION RIGHTS

Competitors grant unlimited right and permission to the Organizing ASD to use the name and image for any text, photograph or video of themselves or their equipment participating in the event to be published in any media vehicle (including, but not limited, print or television advertising or the Internet) for both editorial and advertising purposes or for use in press information; in this regard, the name of the Competitors and any biographical material of the same may also be used or reproduced in any known form. As part of the registration process, each participating individual will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

8) REDUCTIONS OR CHANGES TO THE ROUTE

The organization and the Jury reserve the right to modify the course, before the preparatory signal, or to reduce it during the Regatta. The modification of the route will be signaled by the Jury.

9) DISPUTES AND PROTESTS

The Jury will decide without appeal any controversy or violation of the regulations and the notice of race, on the basis of the information provided by the court judges, the par,es and their witnesses. The athlete who intends to raise a protest must immediately communicate it. Any protest must be submitted in writing to the Jury, within 30 minutes of your arrival. A deposit of € 50.00 must be paid together with the protest.









10) ALTERNATIVE ROUTE IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS

In case of adverse weather conditions, the organizing team will evaluate the alternative route, respecting the regulations in force. In case of bad weather, the Jury will still decide on the race course.

11) DISCARD

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12) SLALOM STARTING PROCEDURES

 3 minute to the START	 WFT FLAG UP
 2 minutes to the START	 TWO ACOUSTIC SIGNAL
 1 minute to the START	 ONE ACOUSTIC SIGNAL
 START	 WFT FLAG DOWN

DEFINITIONS (GWA RULE BOOK CHAPTER 3 - 28) :

Abandonment: An abandoned race is one which the Race Committee declares void at any time after starting signal, and which may be resailed at its discretion

Beach Starting: When the start line is on the beach, or so close to the beach that the competitor must stand in the water to start, it is a Beach Start.

Capsize: A sailboard shall rank as capsized when is not under way due to the wing being in the water and/or the competitor is water starting or up-hauling.

Hearing: A protest committee holds a hearing to decide a protest or to consider giving redress.

Interested Party: A person who may gain or lose as a result of a protest committee's decision, or who has a close personal interest in the decision.

Mark: A mark is any object specified in the Sailing instructions which a board must round or pass on a required side.

On a tack: A board is on a tack except when it is capsized, tacking or gybing. A board is on the tack (starboard or port) corresponding to its windward side.

Outside/Inside/Overlap: Outside. The outside board is the board furthest from the mark. Inside. The inside board is the board closest to the mark. Overlap. Boards overlap when the nose of the board is in front of the stern of the other.

Overtaking: A board shall rank as overtaking from the moment it gains an overlap until it gains right of way. If an overlap between two sailboards exists when approaching the starting line to start. The windward sailboard shall be considered to be overtaking. In downwind courses you can overtake in windward and leeward.

Postponement: A postponed race is one not started at its scheduled time and which may be sailed at any time the Race Committee may decide.

Proper course: A course a board would sail to finish as soon as possible in the absence of other boards referred to in the rule using the term.

Racing: A board is racing from its preparatory signal until it has either finished and cleared the finishing line or retired, or until the race has been postponed, abandoned, or a general recall has been signaled.



Right of way: Unless Direct Referring is to be used.

- i) Outside board: A board on the outside gains right of way when its hull and rig are ahead of the right of way line of the inside board.
- ii) Inside Board: A board on the outside gains right of way when its right of way line is ahead of the right of way line of the inside board.
- iii) If there is a reasonable doubt that a board has gained right of way, it shall be presumed that it did not.

Right of Way Line: A right of way line is an imaginary line projected abeam from the nose of the board.

Room: The space a board needs in the existing conditions while maneuvering promptly in a seamanlike way.

Room to Pass: When boards are overlapped, a board required to keep clear shall give a board with right of way room to pass a mark.

Rule.

- i) The rules in this book including definitions, race signals, preambles, the rules of an appendix when it applies (but not titles)
- ii) the prescriptions of the national authority concerned, when they apply:
- ii) the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race;
- iv) any other document governing the event.

Set. A course is considered set when all marks and starting/finishing vessels are anchored in their correct position and the Race Committee is ready to start a race.

Starting: A board starts when, after its starting signal, any part of its hull, rig or crew first crosses the starting line the direction of the course to the first mark.

Finishing: a board finishes when any part of its hull, rig or crew first crossed the finish line in a controlled sailing position.

Tacking: Is a transitional maneuver of changing tack with the wind ahead. A Tack begins when the turn is started and it ends when the board has borne away to a proper course.

Gybing: Is a transitional maneuver of changing tack with the wind astern. A gybe begins when the turn starts and it ends when the board is underway on a proper course.

An upwind race: Where over 20% of the course is upwind.

Dangerous Sailing: Sailing in a manner then can be considered as dangerous or a threat to the safety of the other competitors.

13) FREESTYLE STARTING PROCEDURES

All the competitors will be called for the heat as the “Elimination Ladder”. The order in which competitors will compete in both the preliminary rounds will be decided by a “random draw”. This order will be posted on the Official Notice Board not less than one hour before the start of the preliminary competition and not less than 10 minutes before the start of the finals. The duration of each routine and the final will be at discretion by the judges.

13.1) The raising of a yellow warning flag with one sound signal will indicate that the judges are ready for the first or next competitor.

13.2) The judges shall signal the start of the routine by raising of a green flag.

13.3) One sound signal will be made indicating there are 60 seconds remaining in the routine.

13.4) A red flag will indicate the end of the routine. All signals and announcements will be made from the judging position.

13.5) The course area will be approximately 50 meters square with each corner defined by a mark.

13.6) A competitor who is not competing shall not enter the course area or sail immediately to windward of it unless entering or exiting for their routine.

14) JUDGING FREESTYLE WFT CRITERIA

Rating range: 0 - 10

- a) Degree, execution, difficulty and timing of the individual trick.
- b) Control of the wing and/or board.
- c) Overall impression of the trick with respect to fluidity, style and artistic impression.
- d) Massive Aerial
- e) Landing execution
- f) Variety of tricks

15) RASHGUARD

All the competitors must wear the numbered rashguard.

16) CONTACT

For Any information about the logistics and special price, please contact the hosting club.

17) RACING RULES:

<https://wingfoiltour.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Racing-Rules-of-Wing-Foil.pdf>

18) QUALIFYING SERIES

The GWA Wing-foil World Tour Qualifying Series (QS) will establish a supportive and progressive structure for athletes, national associations, and youth development programs around the world. Several qualifying events will be held in different countries, each event will be valid for a place in the GWA World Cup 2023 and for future years.

18.1 General Rules

18.1.1. All the general rules and competition format will be applied from the current GWA Rulebook 2022, except the ones mentioned on this Qualifying Series Section (Rule 21).

18.1.2. There are no limitations in the participants also in the nationalities of the riders.

18.1.3. Only the three best results of the Qualifying Series events count towards the QS final ranking.

18.1.4. Riders could freely choose to participate in any kind of Qualifying Series events no matter the country.

18.2. Entry allocations for Surf-Freestyle 2023 World Cups

18.2.1. In 2023 World Cups the Surf-Freestyle discipline:

(a) The top 20 from the current seeding list will automatically qualify for next event from the start of 2023. The first event of 2023 will use the end of year rankings from the 2022 season.

(b) The top 5 ranked riders from the 2022 Qualifying Series in both disciplines will pre-qualify for the 2023 World Tour.

(c) The top 5 rated video entries will pre-qualify in the Surf-Freestyle discipline.

(d) 3 x GWA World Tour wildcards.

(e) 3 x local wildcards awarded by the local GWA World Cup event organiser.

18.3. Entry allocations for Surf-Slalom 2023 World Cups

18.3.1. In 2023 World Cups the Surf-Slalom discipline:

- (a) The top 30 from the current seeding list will automatically qualify for next event from the start of 2023. The first event of 2023 will use the end of year rankings from the 2022 season.
- (b) The top 5 ranked riders from the 2022 Qualifying Series in both disciplines will pre-qualify for the 2023 World Tour.
- (c) 5 x wildcards applications
- (d) 4 x GWA World Tour wildcards
- (e) 4 x local wildcards awarded by the local GWA World Cup event organiser.

18.4. Ranking Points

18.4.1. The ranking points are as the one used on the GWA Rulebook, Rule 23.5.3 for the Surf-Freestyle and Rule 30.6 for the Surf-Slalom.

18.5. Awards and prize money split

18.5.1. The prize money will be variable depending on the local organizer.

18.5.2. PRIZE Money:

The prize money will be divided equally between Surf-Slalom € 1.000 and Surf FreeStyle € 1.000

The division will be calculated as a percentage of the number of participants in the individual disciplines*.

This rule modifies Rule 13.2. Prize Money distribution of the GWA WingFoil World Tour Rulebook.

*The subdivision will be made by gender (M / F). ex. 10 Male Surf-Slalom athletes € 666,66 and 5 Female Surf-Slalom athletes € 333,33

19) WINGFOIL SURF FREESTYLE DISCIPLINE

This expression discipline format will be kept as open as possible for the beginning to allow the competitors to express themselves with their own style of riding. The Surf-Freestyle discipline will be scored either trick by trick and wave by wave or by the overall impression of the competitors performance including:

- Surfing waves/swell
- Air-tricks
- Carving

19.1 Trick scoring criteria

(i) *Height and breadth* – The combination of the height and width of the tricks completed during a heat. As wind conditions increase, this aspect will exponentially become more and more in consideration, but only when height and width are achieved along with risk factors and technical difficulty.

(ii) *Technical Difficulty* – The technical difficulty of tricks completed during a heat.

(iii) *Power* – The power during the execution of the tricks. Power will be considered as a combination of speed and acceleration at the start of the trick, during and on landing, height and aerial amplitude of the maneuver.

(iv) *Risk factor* – The risk factor is directly related to the power, height, amplitude and technical difficulty of the jump, but also to the competitor's commitment and physical challenge during the execution, the duration of the critical moment and the energy in the execution.

(v) *Softness and Style* – Softness and Style during the execution and landing of tricks completed during a heat.

(vi) *Innovation* – Maneuvers that have never been seen during a competition.



19.2 Elimination ladders

The elimination ladder used for the GWA Qualifying Series events will be dingle eliminations.

i) Dingle elimination of 24 Riders:

ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			ROUND # 3			SEMI FINALS			FINAL							
Heat	Seed	Name	HEAT # 5			HEAT # 9			HEAT # 13			WINNERS FINAL HEAT # 15							
1	3		2ND#3			W1			W9			W13							
	6		3RD#2			W5								W10			W14		
	10		2ND#4			W2													W11
2	7		3RD#1			W6			W12										
	11		HEAT # 6			HEAT # 10								HEAT # 14			HEAT # 16		
	4		HEAT # 7			HEAT # 11								HEAT # 14			HEAT # 16		
3	5		2ND#1			W3													
	9		3RD#4			W7													
	1		2ND#2			W4													
4	8		3RD#3			W8													
	12		HEAT # 8			HEAT # 12													
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ii) Dingle elimination of 12 Riders:

ROUND # 1			ROUND # 2			ROUND # 3			ROUND # 4			SEMI FINALS			FINAL ROUND								
Heat	Seed	Name	HEAT # 9			HEAT # 17			HEAT # 25			HEAT # 29			WINNERS FINAL HEAT # 31								
1	6		2ND#5			W1			W17			W25			W29								
	11		3RD#2			W9											W18			W26		W30	
	19		2ND#6			W2																	
2	3		3RD#1			W10			W20			W28											
	14		HEAT # 10			HEAT # 18										HEAT # 26			HEAT # 30				
	22		HEAT # 11			HEAT # 19										HEAT # 26			HEAT # 30				
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	18		3RD#4			W11																	
	2		2ND#8			W4																	
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	8		HEAT # 15			HEAT # 23																	
7	1		2ND#3			W7																	
	16		3RD#7			W15																	
	24		HEAT # 16			HEAT # 24																	

WINGFOIL SURF-SLALOM DISCIPLINE.

20.1 Elimination Procedure

The elimination procedure will be:

- (i) Competitor names will be entered into the elimination table according to their event position (Ranking Seeding).
- (ii) Unranked competitors will be distributed on the elimination table according to the seeding draw to be held at The Gallery Surf Shop.
- (iii) Free spaces, if any, will be placed so that they are assigned to the best ranked competitors.
- (iv) Competitors will compete all against each other, in several heats. Announced winners will advance up the elimination table.
- (v) If a fleet has less than 20 competitors, they can all compete at the same time. The entire fleet can only be used in the long-distance format. It is recommended not to run heats with a fleet of more than 15 competitors.

20.2 Eliminary tables or headers

The elimination table used for the GWA Qualifying Series Surf-Slalom events will be "Single Elimination". Depending on the size of the fleet, the number and size of sleeves may be adjusted.

(i) Single elimination of 48 Riders:

	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	SMALL FINAL	WINNER FINAL																																																																																																
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(ii) Single elimination of 20 Riders:

ROUND 1

SMALL FINAL

WINNER FINAL

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#3

6th #1		
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(iii) Scoring after completing a 48 Single Elimination:

Final Position	Points
FINAL	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th	0.7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
SMALL FINAL	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
ROUND 2	
6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	21, 25, 29, 33, 37
ROUND 1	
6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	41, 49, 57, 65, 73

(iii) Scoring after completing a 20 Single Elimination:

Final Position	Points
FINAL	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	0,7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
SMALL FINAL	
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th	11, 12 ,13 ,14, 15 ,16, 17, 18, 19, 20

20.3 Discards

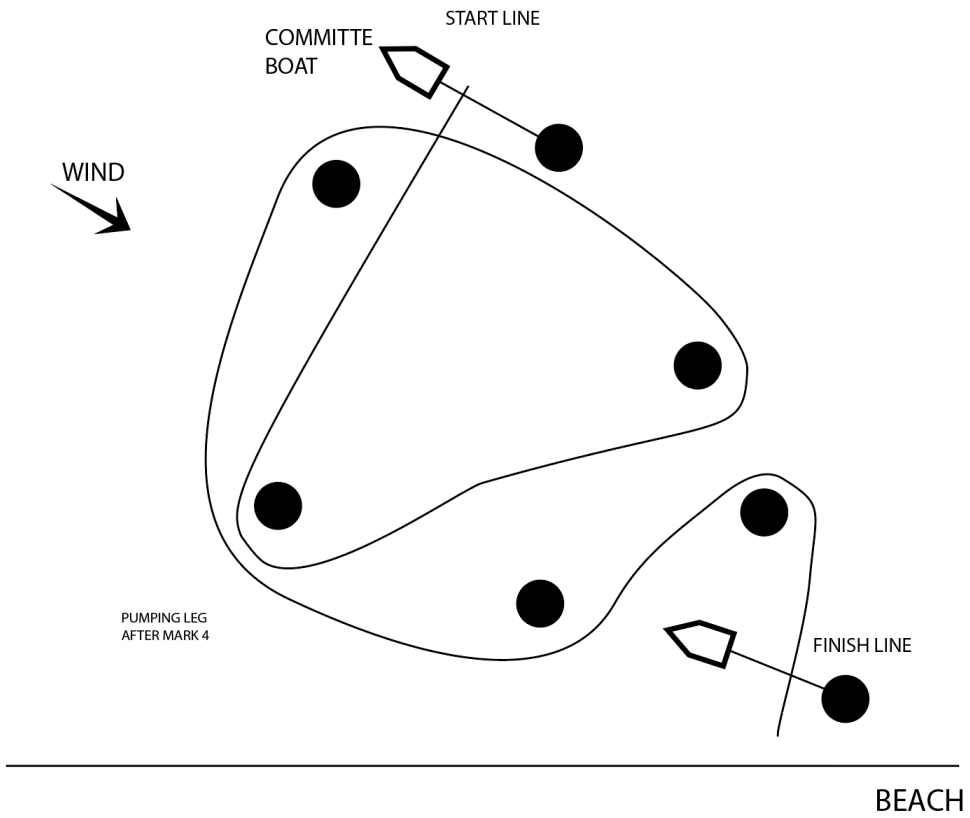
20.3.1. Depending on the number of discards allowed, the highest scores are discarded and then the second highest. The lowest total score, with discards, if any, considered, wins. Scores can be discarded as set out in the table below.

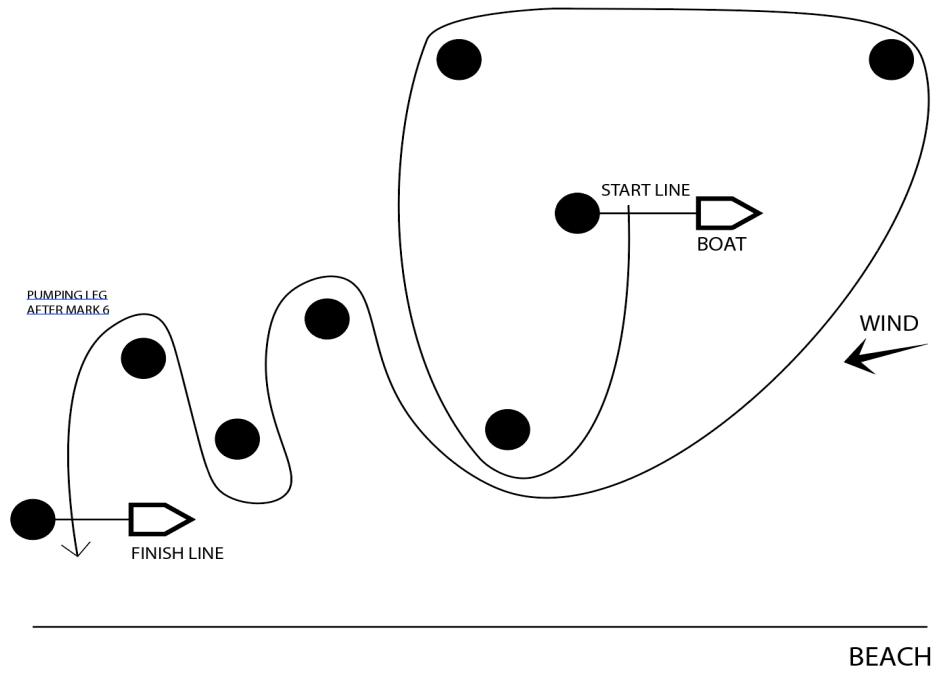
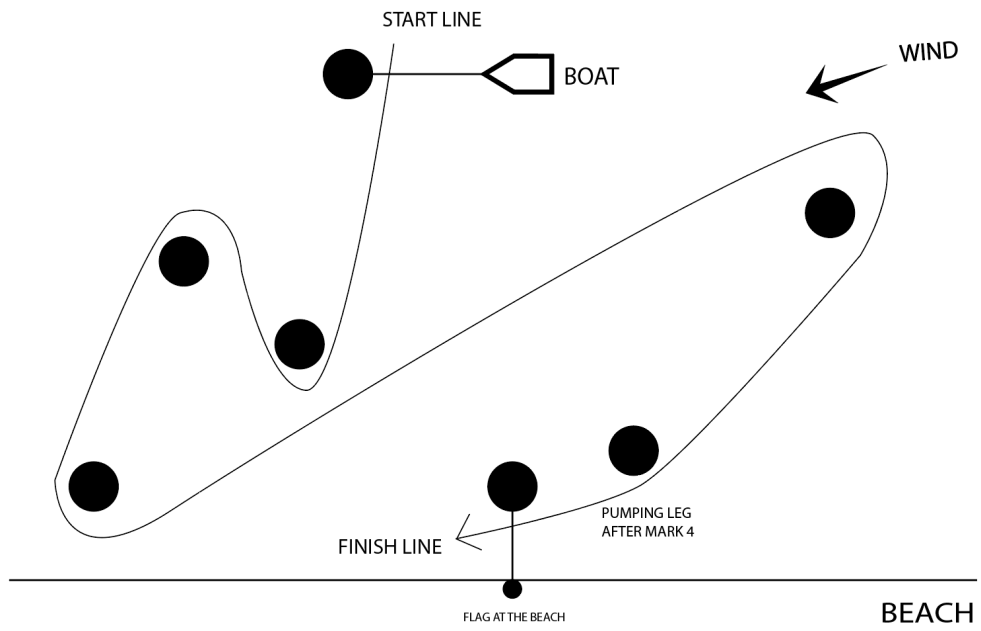
20.3.2. The discards in a single elimination should be:

Number of events completed	Number of events discarded
1 – 3	0
4 – 6	1
7 – 9	2
10 or more	3

21. COURSE

21.1 Examples of downwind Surf Course-Slalom





NB: Race course can vary based on weather conditions